

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANTS : Tomokazu MURAGUCHI, et al. Confirmation No. 3859  
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FOR : **CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD FOR  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE PROVIDED WITH  
SECONDARY AIR SUPPLY**  
GROUP ART UNIT : 3748  
EXAMINER : Tu Minh NGUYEN

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**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 30, 2008 OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 30, 2008, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.